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Morning Highlights

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Highlights will next be updated Wednesday, June 6.



Photo provided by Matt James, DOF.

In Spite of Rain, the Fire Came

The rain came again over the weekend but it was not enough to hold back fire outbreaks. The Emma Avenue Fire was reported at 2:40 p.m. on Friday, June 1, as a structure fire that spread into the wildlands, burning in white spruce and grass. Three engines and helitack from the Division of Forestry (DOF) Kenai-Kodiak area office, plus the Ninilchik and Anchor Point fire departments responded. Additional assistance was provided by Central Emergency Services. An air tanker and air

attack were also requested. A load of retardant was dropped to stop the fire's spread. The Yukon Type 2 Initial Attack fire crew was ordered to extinguish hotspots. The seven-acre fire was contained Friday evening and is now in monitor status.

This season, multiple wildland fires have originated from structures. In these situations, neighboring residences may be immediately threatened. The creation of defensible space and adherence to Firewise principles are important factors for home and property owners to be able to protect themselves from fires that start close to home.

Weather Outlook

Warm weather over the interior is expected with scattered PM showers and isolated thunderstorms. Warm weather is expected to continue through the week with increased lightning activity through mid week. Showers will move into the southeast and South Central by Wednesday.

Prescribed Fire

Rain once again has dampened the prescribed burn scheduled for Donnelly Training Area West over the weekend. The burn has been postponed indefinitely. A new date may be scheduled when favorable conditions permit.

People News

Congratulations to **Hudson Plass**. He is moving on to the Galena Zone! He has accepted the position as Center Manager.

Julie Vorachek is going to stay on in the Galena Zone on a detail into one of the Initial Attack Dispatcher positions. Julie did a great job this spring helping with the Center Manager role.

Fire Information

Five new human-caused fires: three were .1 acres or less, one .9 acres, and one 7 acres, were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center over the weekend beginning June 1. According to AICC, a total of 119 fires have burned nearly 209 acres statewide this year. Refer to AICC Situation Report for additional information: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

Information Gathering/Additional References

www.twitter.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: @AK_Forestry

Bureau of Land Management account: @BLMAAlaska

National Park Service account: @AlaskaNPS

US Fish and Wildlife Service account: @USFWSAlaska

Bureau of Indian Affairs: @BIA_DFWFM

Alaska Fire Consortium: @AKfirescience

www.facebook.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: AK.Forestry

Bureau of Land Management account: BLMAAlaska

National Park Service account: AlaskaNPS

US Fish and Wildlife Service account: USFWSAlaska

Bureau of Indian Affairs account: **BIA-Forestry-and-Wildland-Fire-Management**

www.youtube.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AlaskaDNRDOF**

National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Alaska Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation Report: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
 - Interagency Newsroom (Media Guide): <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group - Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Alaska Fire Consortium: <http://akfireconsortium.uaf.edu>
- Protect your home and property!: <http://firewise.org/> and
- <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- BLM Alaska Fire Service: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry: <http://forestry.alaska.gov>
 - Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/nature/fire/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Bureau of Indian Affairs: www.bia.gov/nifc/
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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